

## Our Parish...

John's Parish - is part of the St. Lawrence Pastoral Area - together with The Sacred Heart Church, Killea, The Cathedral and Ss Joseph and Benildus

### Priests:

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### MASS TIMES:

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6.15p.m.

Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon

Sunday 10.00a.m. (Polish)



#### Weekday Masses: 10.00a.m.

No Mass on Saturday mornings.

The 10.00a.m. mass each Friday is offered for the Holy Souls.

#### Holiday Masses:

Vigil Mass at 6.15p.m. - evening before 10.00a.m. Mass only on the day.

**Cry Chapel (Jim Grant Rooms)** - for parents with young children. You are very welcome!

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Come and sit quietly before God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel, open Mon to Fri from 10.30am to 11.30am.

### YOUR PRAYERS

You are asked to remember in your prayers, those members of our Christian Community of St. John's who are ill at home or in hospital at this time, that the Lord may make them comfortable in their illness towards a speedy recovery and help their loved ones to care for them.



## Services in St John's



### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound after the 6.15 p.m. Mass every Saturday, and after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on the First Friday of every month.

### COMMUNION TO THE SICK

We, the Minister's of the Eucharist in St. John's church are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick or housebound after 6.15 Mass on Saturdays & after 10 Mass on First Fridays. Please leave name(s) into Sacristy or ring 086 1087003.

**Morning Prayer** - takes place during the 10.00a.m. Mass on Fridays.

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The novena is held every Monday morning during the 10.00a.m. Mass.

**Confessions:** - every Saturday evening from 5.45, before the Vigil Mass.

**Coffee Morning** - each Wednesday morning after the 10.00.m. Mass.  
*All are welcome.*

**The Rosary** - is recited each weekday morning prior to the 10.00am Mass.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul is being taken up at all Masses in St. John's on the first Sunday of each month.

### ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP.

We meet every Monday evening at 7.45p.m. in the Upper Sacristy with a time of prayer and worship.

*All are welcome*

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meet at no 23 Virginia Crescent, Good Shepherd Convent, Hennessy's Road each Monday morning at 11.15am. For more information visit our website: [www.legionofmaryw.com](http://www.legionofmaryw.com) or contact 087-2530992



## In Loving Memory...



To you O Lord we commend the souls of our brothers and sisters whose anniversaries or month's mind occur at this time.

**Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently -**

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

**6.15 Vigil - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

John & Maura Kirby

**9.00am - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Brendan Breen

### SHARED MASSES:

Christopher (Wella) Grant

Mary McCarthy

Maude & Michael Brazil & sons & Daughters

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## Notice Board



### Last Weeks Church Collections

Envelopes	€350.00
Offertory	€475.00

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Basket Collection for the upkeep of the church buildings takes place at all Masses on the third weekend of each month.



### "COUPLES RETREAT DAY IN GLENCOMERAGH HOUSE, KILSHEELAN, CO WATERFORD ON SUNDAY 23RD:

A one-day healing and renewal retreat for married couples of all ages. The day begins with Holy Mass at 10am and finished at 4pm. Talks, Testimony, Time to reflect and a healing service will be led by Martin and Mary Moran. €50 per couple (including lunch). Booking is essential. Tel: 052 613 3181  
Email: [info@holymission.ie](mailto:info@holymission.ie)



### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

All Church personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse. Every parish in the Diocese has at

least one trained volunteer Safeguarding Representative, whose task it is to have an overview of safeguarding practices and procedures in the Parish and to support the Parish Priest in the area of safeguarding. Compliance with all the Child Safeguarding Guidelines and Protocols is essential. Compliance with our Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and Procedures ensures a safe and secure environment for both the youth involved but also for the adults involved. It is for those reasons that we should be vigilant and compliant in these matters which are for the benefit of all.

### LENT ADORATION & PRAYER

Begins with 10am Mass Thurs. 27th February through to Vigil Mass 6:30pm Sat. 29th February.

Venue: Sacred Heart Church, The Folly, Waterford City.

Including Mass; Thursday 27th February @ 10am & 7pm,

Friday 28th February @ 10am & Divine Mercy 3pm

Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan D.D. Celebrating Mass on Friday 28th @ 7pm with consecration of families to The Holy Family

Confession each day after evening Mass If you would like to commit to an hour in Adoration during this 3 day/night event please contact Olivia 086 343 8467

### THE 52ND INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Join Bishop Kevin Doran on the Irish National Pilgrimage to the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, Budapest from 12th - 21st September 2020. A Eucharistic Congress is a gathering of people every four years which aims to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church; to help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and to draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist. Be part of this unique event and re-live the atmosphere of the recent International Eucharistic Congress and World Meeting of Families held in Ireland, Cost: From €1,050 per person sharing. For more information see [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

Bookings: <https://www.joewalshtrips.ie/holy-days/pilgrimages-international-eucharistic-congress>

## Just a thought...



'Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus. Muldoon! Why didn't ya tell me the poor dog was a Catholic?' \*

### Gardening the Soul

Time out from the cares and the anxieties of our everyday lives is something we all need, but, in order to take this time to be still with ourselves, we also need special places. You can use your bedroom or your workshop or your kitchen to take time out for prayer or meditation, but it's good also to have a place apart that you can visit, even if not every day – a place like a beach or a mountain walkway, a chapel or a quiet room, where you can feel truly at peace. Places apart are special because they give us space as well as time to reflect. *Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy* \*

### Inspiration

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. *Albert Einstein (1879-1955)*



### This Week's Calendar

Monday 17 – St. Fintan – died in 603.  
Also today – Servite Founders. Seven young merchants from Florence who lived in the early thirteenth century, known as the 'Servants of Mary'.  
Friday 21 – St Peter Damian, 1007-72, gave up teaching to become a hermit. Later he was Cardinal Bishop of Ostia. He was an outstanding reformer of Church life and discipline.  
Saturday 22 – The Chair of St. Peter. This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of ear of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as bishop of Tome and the focus of unity in the communion of the faith. \*

### Thought for the week ahead –

As the living father sent me, and I live because of the father.  
So they who eat my flesh and drink my blood will live because of me.

### A Prayer in Times of Anxiety and Worry

Almighty God, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, set free your servants from all anxious thoughts for the morrow,

Give us contentment with your good gifts and confirm our faith, so that, according as we seek your kingdom, you will not allow us to lack any good thing.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen

### Quote for the Week...

There are two days in the week about which and upon which I never worry. Two carefree days kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is Yesterday... And the other day I do not worry about is Tomorrow. *(R.J. Burdette)*

### Quip for the Week ...

*Life is 10 per cent what you make it and ninety per cent how you take it.*

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### The Quotable Spirit - Creation

The artist must be in his work as God is in creation, invisible and all-powerful; his presence should be felt everywhere, but he should never be seen. *Madame Bovary*

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### It's good to laugh...

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside somewhere in Co. Kerry, with only a pet dog to keep him company. One day the poor ould dog died and Muldoon was distraught. It was nearly worse than the death of his second wife. He thought he would like to give the poor creature a decent burial and cycled the ten miles into the village to see his parish priest. 'Father' he said, 'my dog is dead. Could ya be saying a Mass for the poor creature?' Father Tom replied, 'I'm afraid not Muldoon. We cannot be having services for an animal in the church. It just wouldn't be the thing. But there is a new denomination down the lane way toward the river. You might try them as there's no telling what they might get up to. Maybe they'll do something for the poor creature.'

Muldoon scratching his head said, 'I'll go right away Father and thanking you for the advice. Do you think €500 is enough to give them for the service, Father Tom?' Father Tom nearly collapsed with shock.

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### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sermon on the Mount

If I ask what comes to mind when I say, 'Moses and movies,' I bet most older people would say 'Charlton Heston.' He created a memorable portrait of Moses in Cedil B. DeMille's - *The Ten Commandments*. But if I asked our evangelist Matthew who comes to mind when I say 'Moses,' I'll bet he'd say 'Jesus.' In the Gospel of Matthew, which is being read this year, Jesus is portrayed as 'the new Moses.'

Today, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is literally 'on the mountain' as Moses was, teaching how to follow the 'Torah, the Jewish Law. He is a new kind of lawgiver, as he says he has come not to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfil them. He offers a challenging representation of the commandments, expanding the notions of murder, adultery and swearing falsely, to reflect a deeper way of loving God and neighbour, building on the laws prohibiting such behaviour.

Matthew's Gospel communities are thought to have contained many Jewish converts to Christianity. These words would have been comforting to them – showing Jesus as fulfilling a way of life they had known from birth. Our 'birth' as Christians came at Baptism. How do we hear these challenging Gospel texts from Jesus, our 'new Moses,' calling us to a radical way of life, a life of love and service in imitation of him?

### St John's Church Waterford



### Newsletter

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### Mission Statement

With Christ's teaching as our example and guided by the Holy Spirit, our aim is to represent an open and friendly parish providing a service to the community of St. John's and reaching out to everyone in developing the parish as a community of faith.

**Next Sunday's readings:**  
**Seventh in Ordinary Time**  
**Lev 19:1-2, 17-18.**  
**Ps 102. 1**  
**Cor 3:16-23. Mt 5:38-48.**